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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 0277

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, LT

SUBJ: JONATHAN ANNOUNCES PARLIAMENT TO REOPEN

REF : A. MASERU 231

B. MASERU 153

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF PRIME MINISTER'S MOSHOESHOE DAY ADDRESS SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY MAR 12, BUT WHICH WE UNDERSTAND MAY ACTUALLY BE BROADCAST OVER RADIO LESOTHO EVENING MAR 11.

2. ADDRESS STATES IN PART:

" TODAY I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE PRINCIPLE OF ESTABLISHING AND REOPENING AN INTERIM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE MEMBERS WILL BE NOMINATED. THE POLITICAL PARTIES WILL BE REQUESTED TO SUGGEST THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO COULD BE NOMINATED. IN LINE WITH OUR PAST HISTORY, THE TWENTY- TWO OFFICES OF OUR SENIOR CHIEFS WILL BE INCORPORATED EX OFFICIO IN ANY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STRUCTURE IN LESOTHO.

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ANOTHER NOMINATED ELEMENT WILL COMPRISE THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE RENDERED DISTINGUISHED NATIONAL SERVICE IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF NATIONAL ENDEAVOR."

3. JONATHAN GOES ON TO STATE THAT FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT TASK OF ASSEMBLY WILL BE TO WORK OUT CONSTITUTION " COMPATIBLE WITH OUR HISTORY, CULTURE AND TRADITIONS."

4. COMMENT: STATEMENT IN FACT DOES NOT GO MUCH BEYOND THAT MADE LAST MONTH BY MININTERIOR MANYELI ( PARA 3, REF A), BUT SIGNIFICANCE LIES IN FACT THAT PM HIMSELF IS NOW ON RECORD. IT NOT RPT NOT CLEAR FROM STATEMENT IF KEY ISSUE OF WHETHER BCP NAMES ALL ITS MEMBERS OR SUBMITS LIST FROM WHICH PM PICKS AND CHOOSES HAS BEEN SOLVED, AND THUS ONE STILL DOESN' T KNOW WHETHER PARLIAMENT WILL HAVE BCP LEADER MOKHEHLE' S BLESSING. AT LEAST PM AVOIDED MENTIONING " LIST" OR " PANEL" OF NAMES, WHICH COULD INDICATE HE PREPARED TO COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE.

5. BRITISH HICOM HAS TOLD ME THAT LONDON' S REACTION TO REQUEST THAT HMG FINANCE REOPENING OF PARLIAMENT ( PARA 8, REF A) WAS NEGATIVE.  
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